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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ANOTHER HIJACKING ON THE GROUND

REF: BANGKOK 0534 (NOTAL)

1. AIR FRANCE AND LUFTHANSA CANCELLED SERVICE TO BANGKOK TODAY AFTER STRIKING GROUND HANDLERS AT MID-DAY ENCIRCLED, AND PREVENTED DEPARTURE OF, AIR FRANCE 747 AND LUFTHANSA DC-10.

2. STRIKE IS NOT ACTUALLY AGAINST AIRLINES, BUT AGAINST WORLD TRAVEL SERVICE, A MAJOR TOURIST AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, WHICH ACTS AS HANDLING AGENT FOR AIR FRANCE, LUFTHANSA, ALITALIA, AND SEVERAL OTHER AIRLINES (BUT NOT FOR EITHER TWA OR PAA). HOWEVER, STRIKERS, PROBABLY DRAWING ON LESSONS LEARNED IN JAN 3-6 SEIZURE OF PAA 747,
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OBVIOUSLY BELIEVE AIRLINES PLACED UNDER PRESSURE WILL

URGE WORLD TRAVEL SERVICES TO ACCEDE TO WORKERS' WAGE
AND OTHER DEMANDS.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THIRD "HIJACKING" ON THE GROUND HERE
THIS MONTH (CATERING EMPLOYEES DETAINED KLM AIRCRAFT FOR
10 HOURS JAN 16), AND WE BELIEVE IT PRUDENT TO ASSUME
THIS IS BEGINNING RATHER THAN END OF STORY. WE HAVE
ALREADY DEVELOPED WITH TWA AND PAA UNILATERAL U.S. CON-
TINGENCY PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH ANY FURTHER SEIZURE
OF U.S. AIRCRAFT. WE PLAN SOONEST, UNLESS DEPARTMENT
PERCEIVES OBJECTION, TO TRY DEVELOP JOINT PROCEDURES WITH
DEAN AND COLLEAGUES IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS, INTENT BEING FOR
ALL INTERESTED MISSIONS TO PUT HEAT ON RTG TO SECURE
RELEASE OF ANY "HIJACKED" CIVIL AIRCRAFT REGARDLESS OF
FLAG. IN THAT REGARD, REQUEST GUIDANCE ASAP IN RESPONSI-
BILITY OF RTG IN MAINTAINING RIGHTS OF PASSAGE OF CIVIL
AIRCRAFT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW (PARA 4 REFTTEL).
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